

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NGUYEN, ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/691,319

Filed: OCTOBER 22, 2003

Title: "METHODS FOR REDUCING
PARTICULATE DENSITY AND
METHODS OF USING REDUCED-
DENSITY PARTICULATES"

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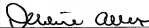
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed April 9, 2008, finally rejecting claims 18-32 and 34-77.

Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to debit the amount of \$510.00 for the filing the Notice of Appeal from the deposit account (Baker Botts L.L.P., No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0178) provided via the Office's electronic filing system. Furthermore, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to file this response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), extending the period for reply from July 9, 2008 to August 9, 2008. Applicants have authorized the Commissioner to debit the amount of \$120.00 under 37 C.F.R. §

1.17(a)(1) for the one-month extension of time from the deposit account (Baker Botts L.L.P., No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0178) provided via the Office's electronic filing system. Should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to the Deposit Account of Baker Botts L.L.P., No. 02-0383, Order No. 063718.0178.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Larissa Piccardo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larissa" and last name "Piccardo" clearly distinguishable. It is positioned above a horizontal line.

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